

## ON LEGISLATIVE BILL

Use of Public Building for Inaugural Ball Forbidden.

## UNANIMOUS ACTION BY HOUSE

Pension Appropriation Bill Passed by Senate.

## MR. PATTERSON EXPLAINS

This was the day in the House which belonged to the committee on the bill of the whole and returned the consideration of the legislative appropriation bill. Mr. Smith of Arizona offered an amendment to increase the salary of the governor of that territory from \$3,000 to \$5,000, and used his amendment as a text for an assault upon the appropriations committee for discriminating against Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma and in favor of Hawaii. The matter of salaries for executive and judicial officers.

## A Debate Upon Cuba.

A debate upon Cuba was precipitated in the House by Mr. Robinson (Ind.), who criticized the salaries paid in the Philippines. He suggested to Mr. Newlands (Nev.) that he should add to his Cuban annexation resolution a provision that such annexation would be in line with the government's colonial policy. Mr. Newlands declared that his resolution did not contemplate the annexation of Cuba, but that he was declaring an intention to have Cuba ultimately admitted as a state. He said that immediate relief was necessary to prevent a crisis in Cuba. Mr. Smith's amendment was ruled out on a point of order.

## SENATE.

When the Senate convened today it discussed to the amendments of the House on the urgent deficiency bill, agreed to by the Senate, and appointed Senators Hale, Allison and Tamm as conferees on the part of the Senate.

## Senator Patterson Explains.

At the conclusion of the business Mr. Patterson (Col.) made a personal explanation of what he had said yesterday concerning Gov. Taft's attitude toward the pension and session laws enacted by the Philippine commission. Gov. Taft, he said, had made a statement before the Philippine commission, in which he said that Mr. Patterson, inadvertently, had conveyed a wrong impression to the Senate and to the country as to his attitude toward the pension bill. The particular statement was that he had said that he intended to convey the impression that he was opposed to the enactment of the pension bill, and that he was as much his own colleague.

## Pension Bill Passed.

The Senate later began the consideration of the pension appropriation bill, which it passed, and then resumed consideration of the Philippine tariff bill. Mr. Turner (Wash.) took the floor and spoke against the bill and general policy of the republican party in connection with the islands. Mr. Gallinger (N.H.) offered an amendment prohibiting the collection of an amendment compensation for aiding in securing the passage of Congress of any special pension bill.

## Restriction of Immigration.

Assistant Secretary Taylor before the House Committee. Secretary Taylor of the Treasury Department was before the House committee on immigration today in reference to the bill of Representative Shattuck of Ohio, codifying and extending the immigration laws. Mr. Taylor disapproved the provision allowing the immigration commissioner to fix regulations and make certain appointments, as such authority was said to belong to the Secretary of the Treasury. He said the present head tax of \$1 was sufficient, and yielded a surplus. As to the proposed educational test, Mr. Taylor pointed out that many of the best settlers in the west were without educational qualifications, and that the criminal law was usually able to pass an educational test.

## Death of Trooper Plunkett.

The War Department is advised of the death of Private Plunkett, Troop I, 11th Cavalry, United States Cavalry, February 2, 1901, on voyage of transport Buford from New York to Gibraltar. The cause of death was acute articular rheumatism.

## COURT HEARS ARGUMENTS

VALIDITY OF TITLE OF JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

Proceedings Instituted for Writ of Quo Warranto, Involving Recent Appointments.

Arguments were heard today by Justice Claiborn of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia in connection with the writ of quo warranto, to show what warrant he claims to hold, to enjoy and exercise the office of justice of the peace. The rule was issued upon proceedings being instituted for writ of quo warranto by Catherine N. Thompson, the issue constituting a test case to determine the validity of the appointment of the justices of the peace now serving.

Mr. Thompson, who is represented by Attorney W. H. Sholes and R. B. Behrend, contends that Mr. Mills is not lawfully exercising the office of justice of the peace. Ten justices, it is explained, were provided by the new code. Before it became operative, the appointments of the justices and the Senate confirmed them and they subscribed to the oath of office. According to the petitioner, the appointment of the justices was without authority of law, they occurring prior to the time when the new code became operative.

## DRANK POISONED WATER.

John Zaginski and His Three Children Victims of Malice.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., February 7.—John Zaginski, a wealthy Pole of Homestead, and his three children, aged from three to nine years, are dangerously ill from the effects of drinking water from a well, alleged to be poisoned. The father, who is a well-known local politician, is now in a critical condition. The children are also in a serious state. The case is being investigated by the local health authorities.

## ARRESTED FOR SMUGGLING.

F. T. Burton Had \$1200 Worth of Opium With Him.

SAN FRANCISCO, February 7.—The customs officers here have arrested Frank T. Burton on a charge of smuggling. With him was captured a trunk containing opium valued at \$1,200, which had been shipped from Tacoma to Oakland. The authorities believe that Burton is connected with the gang that for some time has been smuggling opium across the Canadian border. Burton is being held in custody.

## LIBERTADOR OFF CURACAO.

Insurgent Warship Will Try to Land War Material.

WILLEMSTADT, Island of Curacao, February 7.—The Venezuelan revolutionary steamer Libertador (formerly the Ban Right), erroneously reported to have been sunk by a Venezuelan gunboat at Porto Colombia, was cruising off this island last night and was off the coast of Curacao at 4 o'clock this morning. The insurgent warship, which arrived here during the morning, disturbed the operations of the Libertador. It is said that the landing of war munitions on the Venezuelan coast by the Libertador will now be very actively pushed.

## Schooner Jennie C. May Ashore.

HIGHLAND LIGHT, Mass., February 7.—The three-masted schooner Jennie C. May, coal barge from Philadelphia for Boston, was ashore on Peaked Hill bar last night. She is in a dangerous position and leaking, but her captain refuses to leave her.

## The Ship L. Schepp Floated.

NEW YORK, February 7.—The ship L. Schepp, from Hong Kong, was floated ashore on February 3 at Point Lookout and was floated early today and started for this port in tow.

## Steamship Arrivals.

At New York—Fuerst Bismarck, from Alexandria and Naples; Patricia, from Hamburg.

## Death of Aged English Painter.

LONDON, February 7.—Thomas Sidney Cooper, the painter, who had exhibited at the Royal Academy, died at his residence, 10, St. James's Place, London, at the age of 87.

## Lourens Erasmus Captured.

MATJEFONTJIN, Cape Colony, February 7.—Lourens Erasmus, better known under the name of Commandant Erasmus, has been captured in the neighborhood of Lingsburg. Marais was the leader of the Boers who operated in the Zwart Kop range in 1901.

## E. F. Walker Arrested at Taunton.

TAUNTON, Mass., February 7.—Edwin F. Walker, former paymaster at the Mason Machine works here, was arrested today and held in \$1,000 bonds for a hearing on charges of larceny and embezzlement. Mr. Walker had previously been arrested on the charge of larceny in 1898. It is alleged that Walker secured money illegally from his employers by raising bids on contract work.

## Fort Myer to Send Homes.

The commanding officer of Fort Myer, Va., has been ordered to send to Fort Ethan Allen, Vt., seventy-two artillery and forty-eight cavalry homes.

## The Buford at Gibraltar.

Quartermaster General Ludington has received a cable message announcing the arrival of the transport Buford at Gibraltar this morning with all well on board.

## Stop Quibbling.

It is about time that the wise men of Congress, both parties of which are responsible for the ratification of the Paris treaty, should give over the question of the ownership and retention of the islands, about "colonialism" and "imperialism," and devote their talents to the question which has been acquired as a permanent possession.

## International House Trades.

From the Chicago Inter-Opus. From the tenor of some of the comments of the London newspapers it would seem that the world is coming to realize that the United States is in a position in which should exist between cousins.

## Marine Corps Orders.

First Lieut. Logan Fields has been ordered to the office of the Quartermaster of the Marine Corps at the new barracks at Annapolis.

## Proposed Postal Service.

A proposed postal service of fire and ten-cent denominations is provided for by a bill introduced in the House by Mr. Griffith of Indiana. The new "shipplasters" are to be one by two and one-half inches in dimensions and issued five to a sheet.

## Marine Hospital Service.

A supplemental estimate was transmitted to the House today by Dr. Wyman for the marine hospital service. He proposes that the official known as hospital steward and chemist in that service be abolished and in place thereof one clerk of class three be appointed.

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## GOVERNMENT ADVANCE PROPOSED.

Local Improvements Calling for an Advance of \$1,000,000.

A bill was introduced in the Senate today by Mr. McMillan, by request, authorizing certain municipal improvements in the District of Columbia and the anticipation of the revenues of the District for the purposes specified. The bill appropriates \$1,000,000, which is to be used for constructing sewers, streets, and other improvements, including the improvement of the sewerage disposal system, improving streets and reclaiming the Anacostia flats. This money is to be distributed for these several purposes as follows: Filtration, \$1,000,000; sewerage disposal, \$2,000,000; streets, roads, etc., \$5,000,000; Anacostia flats, \$1,000,000.

## NO CONCLUSION REACHED.

But Revision Committee May Report Before Adjournment.

PHILADELPHIA, February 7.—By a unanimous vote the Presbyterian committee on creed revision decided to devote two sessions today to the consideration of a brief statement of the members of faith which will prove acceptable to the entire Presbyterian Church. After the morning session it was announced that the committee was in harmony on the subject, but that no definite conclusion had as yet been reached.

## FOUR PERISH IN FIRE.

Residence of Wm. Robertson, Near Paw Paw, W. Va., Burns.

CUMBERLAND, Md., February 7.—This morning at an early hour the residence of Wm. Robertson, on the Maryland side of the Potomac river, near Paw Paw, W. Va., a short distance east of here, was entirely destroyed by fire. The fire broke out in the family, who were in bed asleep, perished in the flames. Information concerning the tragedy is meager.

## EVERETT-MOORE SYNDICATE.

Partial Report of Auditing Committee is Encouraging.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, February 7.—The experts employed by the bank's committee of the Everett-Moore syndicate to examine into the physical and financial condition of the Federal Telephone Company and its twenty-three subsidiary companies have made a partial report. All of the plants now in operation are said to be in the best possible physical condition, and with one or two exceptions the subsidiary companies are said to be earning substantial profits. The net earnings of the United States Telephone Company (long distance), as indicated by the report, shows an operating profit of about \$115,000 for the past year.

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## NEWS FROM FOREIGN

Japan's Budget Expected to Pass Diet Without Opposition.

## DUE TO INFLUENCE OF MARQUIS ITO

Foreign Residents of Yokohama Object to House Tax.

## PROPOSAL FOR A BANK

YOKOHAMA, January 21.—The diet is considering the introduction of several bills. It is expected that as a result of the victory of the cabinet over the constitutionalists, a new bill will be introduced in the diet, the introduction of which is expected to be passed by both houses. One of the chief measures contemplated is a revised banking bill, designed to prevent the institution of "wild-cat" banks.

## First Part of Japan.

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## American Rights, However.

The American contingent, however, seems to prefer to have its rights reserved by the government and to be willing to pay under protest. The German residents are divided on the question, which is likely to be brought to a head before long.

## SUN YAT SEN.

Sun Yat Sen, the well-known Chinese reformer and revolutionist, who is now in America, recently surprised his followers by announcing that he would henceforth abandon violent methods of reform and possibly a few exceptions. It is admitted that the properties at Detroit, Dayton and one or two other cities, where the plan has not been completed, will probably be sold.

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